THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The targets and outlay for the 8th Plan have not been finalised.

(c) and (d) Targets and optimal levels of production are fixed on the basis of the available reserves which can be exploited in the required time frame.

PARTICIPATION OF NRI IN OIL EXPLORATION

984. SHRI HARI KISHORE SINGH : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have approached the Non-Resident Indians for exploration of crude oil and natural gas in the country;

(b) If so, the details thereof; and

(c) The response of the Non-resident Indians so far ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKRANAND) : (a) No Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

TOURISM DEVELOPMENT IN KERALA

985. SHRI RAMESH CHENNITHALA : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to State :

(a) Whether the Government of Kerala has submitted any scheme aimed at augmenting tourism infrastructure in the state :

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Union Government in this regard ; and

(c) the amount allotted for Tourism Development Projects in Kerala during 1991-92 and the preceding two years ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA) : (a) and (b) : Yes, Sir, The Government of Kerala has submitted proposals for improvement of tourism infrastructure which include setting up of air-conditioned restaurants ; upgradation of properties of Kerala Tourism Development Corporation and purchase of air-conditioned coaches. The scheme for air-conditioned coaches has been sanctioned for Rs. 16.68 lakhs.

(c) An amount of Rs. 87.00 lakhs has been earmarked for tourism projects in Kerala during 1991-92. Rs. 85.02 lakhs and Rs. 190.19 lakhs were sanctioned during 1989-90 and 1990-91 respectively.

ELECTRIFICATION OF RAILWAY LINES IN KERALA

986. SHRI RAMESH CHENNITHALA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have any proposal for the electrification of the railway lines in Kerala in near future ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Keeping in view general financial constraints and lower traffic density obtaining in sections in Kerala, there is no immediate proposal for electrification.

DEVELOPMENT OF TRIVANDRUM AND PALGHAT RAILWAY DIVISION

987. SHRI RAMESH CHENNITHALA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state the expenditure incurred for the development of railway projects in Trivandrum and Palghat Divisions during 1990-91 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : Expenditure incurred for the development of Railway pro-

jects for Trivandrum and Palghat Division during 1990-91 is as under :

Sl. No.	Plan Head	Palghat Division	Trivandrum Division
		(Figures in thousands of Rupees)	
1.	New Lines	—	26,72,11
2.	Doublings	—	8,46,55
3.	Gauge Conversion	—	26
4.	Traffic facilities	2,67,75	4,81,20
5.	Computerisation	3,84	23,36
6.	Track renewal	34,30,44	4,94,92
7.	Bridges	3,23,59	36,49
8.	Signalling and Tele. Communication	1,11,98	39,25
9.	Other Electrical work	12,31	6,46
10.	Workshop including Production Unit	86,01	25,75
11.	Staff Quarters	91,54	52,16
12.	Amenities for staff	48,41	11,31
13.	Passenger amenities	66,22	98,90
14.	Other specified work	30,98	90,40
	TOTAL:–	44,76,07	48,79,12

OIL EXPLORATION AT COCHIN HIGH

988. SHRI RAMESH CHENNITHALA : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have dropped the Cochin-High Petroleum exploring project ; and

(b) if not, the details of the projects work ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) and (b) : ONGC's exploration in the offshore Kerala-Konkan basin is continuing with the acquisition of 5121 LKM of seismic data in March-May, 1991.

SUPPLY OF COAL TO PARTIES BY CIL AND SALE OF SCRAP BY CCL

989. SHRI S. B. SINGH : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) the quantity and the manner in which the scrap has been sold by the Central Coalfields Limited ;

(b) whether the Government propose to review the present method of supply of coal to various industries through stockyards appointed by the Coal India Ltd. in order to give direct supply to the parties ; and

(c) if so, the details of the decision taken thereon ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMAGOUDA) : (a) As per the information given by the Central Coalfields